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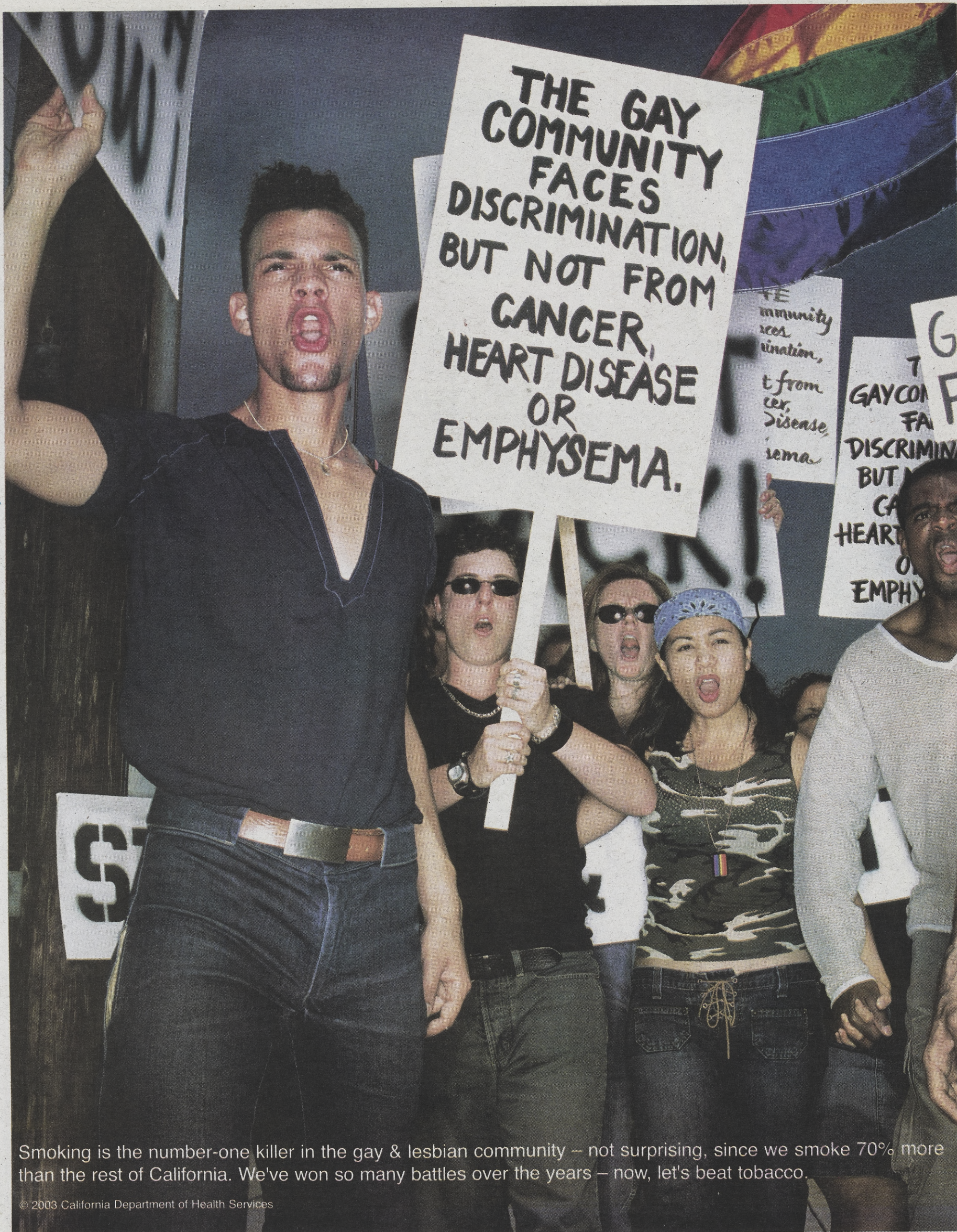
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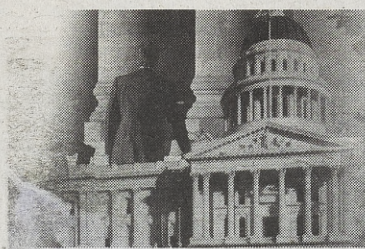




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## AB 205: The Next Best Thing To Gay Marriage

by Geoffrey Winder  
MGW Staff

**G**ov. Gray Davis pledged to sign California's landmark Domestic Partners Rights and Responsibilities act of 2003, AB 205, pending its passage in the Legislature, a move critics call uncharacteristic of Davis.

The bill authored by Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg (D-Los Angeles), of the LGBT Legislative Caucus would give same-sex domestic partners nearly all the rights, benefits and responsibilities granted to married couples. AB 205 was sponsored by Equality California, a non-profit GLBT statewide advocacy organization, and supported by a broad coalition of civil rights, labor, religious and senior organizations.

"This bill not only provides additional rights for domestic partners, it also imposes significant new obligations such as shared responsibility for debts and financial support for children," Davis said during the announcement of his intent to sign the bill.

With over 20,000 registered domestic partners registered in California, AB 205 provides important protections such as decision-making authority for community property, deposition of remains and funeral agreements, custody provision and child support obligations, access to divorce court and death benefits for surviving partners of firefighters and police officers.

The United States currently does not recognize same-sex marriages and although AB 205 would put California on equal ground with Vermont's civil unions (alternative status for same-sex couples), neither domestic partnerships nor civil unions are recognized by the federal government or honored by other states.

Thusly California's domestic partners under AB 205



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**Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg authored the bill that has the GLBT community and allies hopeful and the religious right outraged.**

would still be denied the 1,049 federal rights that come with marriage such as tax benefits, social security benefits and immigration rights.

"Even though AB 205 does not go far enough to grant same-sex couples full equality that only civil marriage can provide, it is a giant step forward," stated Molly McKay, Co-Executive Director of Marriage Equality California, a non-profit dedicated to securing civil-marriage and equality for same-sex couples. "Lesbian and gay couples through out the state live in committed, long-term relationships, fulfill their duties as tax-paying citizens, but are denied the equal protection of laws that benefit similarly situated different-sex couples.

The bill would afford them needed protections today while we continue on the road to full marriage equality."

Introduced in January, AB 205 passed through all Assembly committees and passed the Assembly in June by a vote of 41-29. Slated for the Senate Appropriations Committee August 18, the bill was delayed due to an amendment Assemblymember Goldberg found necessary to accept. However, Monday, August 25th, AB 205 cleared the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7-4.

A study entitled *Equal Rights, Fiscal Responsibility*, from the Williams Project of UCLA School of Law and the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies (IGLSS)

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## Despite Changing Climate, Tumultuous Torrents Still Face Youth

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**A** new study of safety and support for youth in North Carolina, Florida, and Kentucky indicates that the vast majority of GLBT young people face harassment in their schools, and indicates that many schools are not adequately addressing this problem.

Project Director in NC, Karen Bonnewell of Haven House, Inc (a private, non-profit agency to serve the needs of young people in difficult situations and provides shelter, counseling, and independent living skills to youth in need), submitted more than 80 surveys of NC youth.

According to the Breaking the Silence survey of 111 GLBT youth, conducted by the Southeastern Network of Youth and Family Services (a private, non-profit organization of youth service agencies in eight southeastern states which seeks to foster the highest quality of youth and family services), 78% of youth said they have been verbally harassed due to their gender identity or sexual orientation. Of those who reported such harassment, 92% reported that the incident occurred in school.

Thirteen percent of the youth surveyed reported being physically assaulted because of their gender identity or sexual orientation; 75% of those assaulted said the incident occurred in school.

Even in school systems that have broad diversity policies and a reputation of inclusion, such as Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Schools, some GLBT students don't feel comfortable being open about their sexual orientations.

Yet advocates say that the harassment itself is not the only problem; they are concerned about how the schools respond to these incidents.

According to the survey, 73% of students who reported verbal abuse to a teacher or school official said that no support was provided. Of those who reported physical assault to the school, 60% said no support was provided. ▼



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Every day that passes in this short recall campaign is one less day the people of California have to evaluate how you would govern if elected to office.

California is home to thousands of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens and their supporters who have made pioneering progress in their fight for basic recognition of their right to live peacefully in society free from harassment, violence and discrimination.

Most of the leading candidates for Governor have clearly defined their positions on legislation and issues affecting the LGBT community. Since you have not, we are urging you to do so immediately. Governor Davis recently signaled his support of AB 205, which would afford domestic partners many of the same rights and responsibilities that married couples enjoy. We are specifically interested in knowing whether you support AB 205 and the



Assemblymembers Mark Leno, Christine Kehoe, John Laird, Jackie Goldberg, and Senator Sheila Kuehl of California's Legislative LGBT Caucus release a letter to gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger from Leno's office.

following legislation that Governor Davis has signed into law:

- AB 26 (1999), which created a Domestic Partnership Registry in California
- AB 537 (1999), which protects LGBT students from harassment in schools
- AB 1001 (1999), which added sexual orientation to the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA)

• AB 25 (2001), which added a dozen benefits to the domestic partnership registry

• AB 196 (2003), which added gender as a protected category to FEHA

Additionally, we are interested in knowing if you support Proposition 22, passed by California voters in 2000. With only 49 days left before Californians go to the polls,

it is time you share your stance on these issues and give the citizens of California the respect they deserve.

Sincerely,

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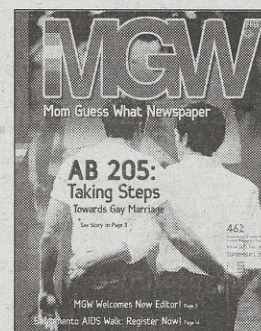
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# Editor's Commentary

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## MGW Newspaper Family Welcomes Our New Managing Editor!

by Geoffrey Winder  
MGW Managing Editor

It is with trepidation-tinted excitement that I am writing this in the capacity and with the tenacity of Managing Editor at Mom Guess What Newspaper. This is my first column as such, and I suppose this is be an introduction of sorts, a first date bio, and an answer to the million-dollar question; "Who/what/why are you?"

### Mom Guess What... Change Is In The Air

My name, obviously is **Geoffrey Winder**, I spent the majority of my life about 10 miles west, in the oh-so-quirky (yet lovable) little town of Davis, and have recently returned from New York City and my studies of Globalization and Change Theory at New York University. Some might ask... New York City to Sacramento... Why??

It is interesting how the desire for community, belonging and sense of place are so inexplicably tied into location. I never understood what people were talking about when they talked about two different cultures, east coast and west coast, until I moved away.

And all I can say in response to the question of why move back, is there is something in the steady life-rhythm here, like that of a heart in love that the west coast beats out which is more conducive to life.

New York City and the east coast seems like a spastic attack stricken heart's pal-pitations on the brink of collapse, exhaustion, frustration and a mental breakdown all tied up into the everyday city-panic "I'm

late, I'm late" paced life of the world's capital. And I must say, I enjoy the lazy smiles, furtive looks of acknowledgement and easy strolls you're afforded down the street. It is not to say I do not long for the sheer splendor, extensive sky-scrapers and massive numbers of people.

I was a queer youth student activist for three years before I left the CA, working primarily in California, but also working with queer youth across the nation building a Gay-Straight Alliance movement, one that now is sweeping the nation by storm. My introduction to activism and organizing at such the age of 16, let me to undertake self-designing an interdisciplinary program concentrating on Globalization and Change Theory.

When I tell people the title of my concentration, I get many blank stares, a few people nodding and smiling in fake understanding, and lots of "What?" While the truth is, who really knows, I made up the title, and in ten years it will probably mean another something all together, but the general gist of it all is the following (in a very small, nutshell):

Globalization, the current time period in which we live, the era of globalized (entire or intra-world) capital, technology, communication and migration, the process by which that happens, and the implications of it on communities, nation states and constructions of identity, self, and others.

Change Theory, is the histories, theories, queries, discourse and musings on social, political, governmental and cultural change. It is the

study of and theory on, current, past and future social movements, here in the United States and internationally. It is attempting to answer the abstract question of, "How do we create a just society, one in which every person is valued equally for the sheer fact that they have or had the gift of living?"

It is with this framework and training that I come to Mom Guess What Newspaper, and sit humbled, all my college jargon for change and justice fallen silent in the shadow of boxed archives dating back older than I am.

These boxes of time-yellowed pages contain the written cultural, political and social history of the queer and GLBT community of Sacramento, of California, and nationally. Hidden in the pages are the stories of a fearful people with secret feelings and a community underground, the violence against them, and their ability to survive.

Almost forgotten tears and blood, stain the pages at the shock and horror of a plague that took not just life, but trust, confidence and love with it. The tattered pages contain the sorrow of everyday, funerals and farewells to voices, friends, and hope lost; words of rage splash the pages at the community's call to ACT UP for change.

And 26 years later I have no way of comprehending the changes that have happened in the last two and half decades, but I know that the queer youth movement I considered my community would not have existed and could not have existed except for the work of those who came before me, the work of those whose stories are boxed away.

And I fear that the cultural amnesia that affects almost all political, cultural and social movements for political change has already taken hold. Let us not feel, that simply because the mainstream talks about us, we have shows on TV, kids can be out in schools, laws are being passed for us, and marriage seems an almost tangible reality; we no longer need to be political, to make our opinions known and voices heard. We cannot forget what history has taught us.

Let us not make the mistake of confusing legal equality with that of social and cultural equality. The history of the women's and civil rights movement provide us proof, that the fact that holding equality in law does not mean that the learned history of homophobia, biphobia and transphobia will be erased.

We are a strong and powerful community, with political clout and potential, but bashings, hates crimes and AIDS are still here, and thus, this is a call to all of us, not to forget that the struggle

is not over.

I am pleased to be here, working with Mom Guess What, and leave you all with these words, from warrior/poet/activist Audre Lorde, "When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." ▼

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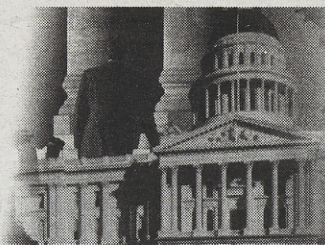
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## AB 205: Groundbreaking Bill

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released earlier in August, which estimated that AB 205 would have a positive savings impact of approximately \$8.1 to \$10 million a year on California's budget.

Primarily, the savings will be the consequence of decreasing the number of individuals eligible for means-tested state benefit programs, thereby saving the State money. AB 205 will have this impact because it will cause the income of a person's domestic partner to be included when determining eligibility for state benefit programs.

"Even if, only a small percentage of individuals living with partners register and become ineligible for public benefits," says economist and study co-author, **Dr. M.V. Lee Badgett**, "California is likely to reduce its expenditures on these programs by more than \$11.5 million each year."

The study finds that AB 205 would also potentially increase sales tax revenues from tourism and decrease state income tax revenues, but will have only a minor effect on administrative costs, state employee benefits, and the state court system.

"When this bill is signed it will be a truly historic day for everyone who supports civil rights, not just in California, but throughout the country," said **Geoffrey Kors**, Executive Director of Equality California, the organization that first proposed the bill. "Enactment of this legislation marks a milestone in the struggle for equality for same-sex couples. By announcing his support for AB 205, and his intention to sign it into law upon

passage by the California Legislature, the Governor has affirmed his strong support for family values by recognizing that all families deserve equal recognition."

Opponents of AB 205 however, accuse Davis of pandering to the gay and lesbian community in attempts to gain political traction by declaring his position in advance of its possible passage in the Legislature.

"Davis is trying desperately trying to get liberal groups to help him stay in office," said **Randy Thomasson**, Executive Director of Campaign for California Families, a group opposed to the bill. "His eye is obviously not on what makes good policy, but on doing anything and everything to retain political power."

Opponents furthermore vow to take the battle to the courthouse if they lose in the statehouse, citing violation of California's voter approved Proposition 22, which defines marriage as a union between a man and woman, despite opinions from the Legislative Analyst's Office.

The closing of the legislative session on September 12, and Davis's endorsement and possible signing of AB 205 comes in the wake of Canada's legalization of gay marriage in June, the bill may set groundbreaking precedent in California with national implications, and may increase the possibilities of the legalization of gay marriage on a national level. The possibility of AB 205 follows a series of major victories for GLBT rights in the courts, and very public mainstream debate of the issue; GLBT activists are positioning themselves for renewed struggle for equal gay marriage in the United States. ▼

## UPS Delivering Discrimination

MGW Staff

United Parcel Service is the world's largest package delivery company, with \$31.3 billion in revenue in 2002. It is the nation's fourth-largest employer, with 320,000 employees in the U.S. The company has a nondiscrimination policy that includes sexual orientation, but it only offers health insurance to some employees' same-sex domestic partners.

UPS illegally discriminates against its lesbian and gay employees by not including them in a corporate policy that lets employees relocate to another city to avoid having their families broken apart when their loved ones have job transfers, Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund said in a lawsuit filed in California state court.

Lambda Legal represents **Daniel Kline**, who has worked for UPS for more

than two decades, and his partner of 27 years, Frank Sories who have fallen victim to UPS's hypocritical policies.

In January, his employer, United Airlines, transferred Sories from San Francisco to Chicago. Kline applied for a transfer to UPS's Chicago branch under the company's "Management Initiated Transfer Request" policy. Kline's transfer was approved at district and regional levels, but was ultimately rejected by the corporation because the men are gay and therefore not legally married to each other.

By excluding Kline and Sories from its transfer policy, UPS is in violation of state laws that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, marital status and sex, Lambda Legal says in its lawsuit. The lawsuit also includes breach-of-contract charges against UPS, since the company has adopted policies promising its employees protection against sexual orientation discrimination and assuring them

that they will be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

Kline, who has been a UPS employee for more than 20 years, is a dispatch analyst supervisor. He is nine years away from being eligible for retirement benefits. He and Sories met when they were both in the Army and later began a committed relationship. The couple is registered as domestic partners in California, they are designated as the beneficiaries of each other's wills, and they hold health care and general powers of attorney for one another. Sories is designated as the beneficiary of Kline's UPS-provided retirement savings, stock plans and life insurance. ▼

### UPDATE:

UPS released a statement that said company policy to permit relocation for domestic partners went into effect earlier this year, and moved quickly to settle the discrimination suit quickly in late August. It remains to be seen whether Kline and Sories will drop the suit.

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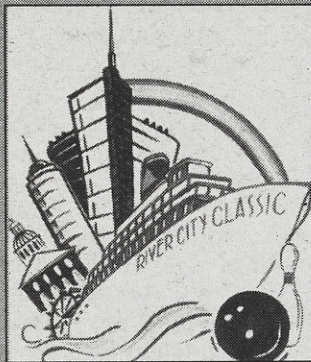
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## Bowlers On The Move

By Cameron Yee

MGW Guest Commentary

There are probably not a lot of people who think of traveling when thinking of bowling.



However, many of the local Sacramento bowlers have discovered that bowling gives them an excuse to travel.

Nearly every major city in the United States hosts a gay bowling tournament during the year.

Since the beginning of this year, bowlers from Sacramento have traveled to Ft. Lauderdale, San Francisco, Vancouver B.C., Atlanta, Phoenix and Portland.

During the coming Labor Day weekend, St. Louis, Las Vegas and New Orleans will be hosting their gay tournaments and later this year, tournaments will be held in San Diego, Seattle, Dallas, Washington DC, Minneapolis, Los Angeles including Sacramento's gay bowling tournament; River City Classic, will be held in October.

Besides the travel appeal, once bowlers get to the tournaments they have the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and make friends from all over the country.

Similar to the gay bowling league in Sacramento, there are bowlers of all abilities at these tournaments.

If interested, the first step to get involved is to join a league, such as Sacramento's River City Bowlers. The winter league starts Sept 7, and is held at Land Park Bowl on Freeport Blvd. ▼

Info: rivercityclassic.org

## Class Is In For Students At The Citizens Academy

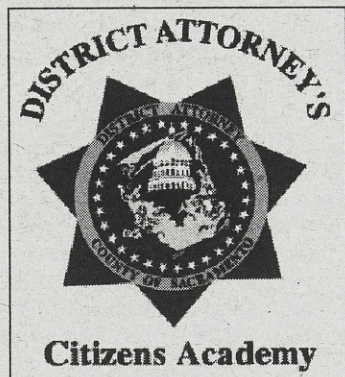
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Sacramento's Citizen's Academy, sponsored by the District Attorney's office is a unique 10-week course designed to engage diverse communities in communication, participation, and mutual learning on the criminal justice system.

Providing an important overview of the criminal justice system (the roles and challenges of the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement agencies, judiciary, and defense), the Academy devotes three classes to diversity and race issues within the framework of the criminal justice system.

The three topics selected by the community were: "Multicultural Sensitivity in the Criminal Justice System",

"Race as a Factor in the Criminal Justice System", and "Perceptions of Disparate Treatment in the Criminal



Justice System."

While the mission of the Academy is to provide information and resources,

critical analysis and the exchange of ideas, the vision of the Academy is to achieve improved relations and communications between the communities of Sacramento and the criminal justice system.

Participants represent various communities and identities and include community leaders, activists, and other individuals that have a strong sense of commitment to building bridges between the public and the criminal justice system.

The Citizens Academy begins on Wednesday evening, September 17th. ▼

Info:

<http://www.da.saccounty.net/community/citizensacad.htm>

## Access News Needs Volunteers

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The Society for the Blind is recruiting volunteers to read local news and advertising on their Access News program; which allows the blind and visually impaired community to follow printed news and information using a free, dial-in phone service.

Volunteers receive extensive training, and with experience, are able to record readings at the Society's offices or from the volunteer's home.

Working with the assumption that with proper training and opportunity, blindness can be reduced to the level of a physical nuisance; the Society for the Blind is a full-service community agency serving 3,300 blind and visually impaired individuals, offering services, training and opportunities for employment. ▼

Info: societyfortheblind.org

## An Interfaith Call For Unity

MGW Staff

Sacramento News & Review and the Interfaith Service Bureau will award

Egyptian-born Muslim American Dr. Metwalli Amer the Building Unity Award for Outstanding Contributions to Interfaith Understanding and Cooperation at the second annual Call for Unity event September 13, at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center.

Last year's event brought a crowd of over 3,000 people together on September 11th, to build unity and understanding through shared religious music and traditions. The event again celebrates the richness and diversity of the community through an evening of interfaith music performed by thirteen different faith groups.

Dr. Amer will be honored for his history of service to the interfaith community of the Greater Sacramento area. Dr. Amer is the founder,

Executive Director and Imam of the Sacramento Area League of Associated

Muslims, the President of Sacramento Valley Council of Islamic Organizations, and a Board Member and past President of the Interfaith Service Bureau.

During the evening's performances, Dr. Amer will be present with the Building Unity Award, given in recognition of his many years working to bring unity among the faith community, the qualities of his own faith tradition and the shared



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interfaith goals of building a society marked by compassion, peace, justice and concern for a sustainable world.

In addition to bringing together the faith community in unity at the diverseness of religious traditions, and honor Dr. Amer, the Concert will also benefit the Building Unity Project, an interfaith home building and restoration project, building and restoring homes in Oak Park. ▼

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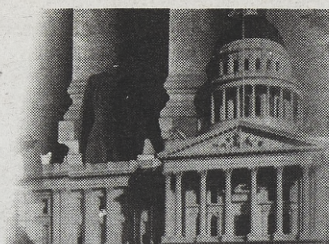


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## Lambda Legal Assists New Orleans In Defending Against Right Wing Attack

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**L**ambda Legal joined the City of New Orleans in defending the city's policy extending health insurance benefits to domestic partners of its gay and lesbian workers and protecting the city's domestic partner registry.

In 1997, the City of New Orleans, by executive order, extended insurance benefits to same-sex partners of city employees.

The domestic partner benefits policy and the city's domestic partner registry have come under attack by a right-wing conservative group, the Alliance Defense Fund, based in Scottsdale, Arizona.

At the city's request, Lambda Legal joined the lawsuit representing city

employee Peter Sabi, a senior building inspector of nine years for the city's Vieux Carre Commission and his partner, Philip Centanni.

**P**ublic employers in 11 states, 23 counties and 58 cities nationwide have extended health insurance benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees.

In 4 states, 11 counties and 50 cities nation-wide, gay and lesbian couples may sign a domestic partnership registry, which may or may not carry any direct benefit.

Private employers often use domestic partner registries as a way to identify the eligibility of domestic partners of their gay and lesbian employees for health insurance and other benefits. ▼

## American Bar Association Supports Second-Parent Adoption

MGW Staff

**T**he American Bar Association (ABA) passed a resolution in support of joint and second-parent adoptions. The voice vote took place during the ABA's annual convention in San Francisco.

The ABA was previously on the record in support of the rights of single gay men and lesbians to adopt children. The resolution's passage indicates the ABA's support of "the establishment of legal parent-child relationships through joint adoptions, and second-parent adoptions by unmarried persons who are functioning as a child's parents, when such adoptions are in the best interests of the child."

The 410,000-member association is the nation's largest legal group. Approval of this resolution means that the organization can now lobby state legislatures to ensure that adoption laws permit both members of a same-sex couple to establish a legal relationship to their children. The resolution also applies to unmarried hetero-sexual couples.

The ABA resolution follows similar resolutions from three other respected professional organizations just last year, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Psychoanalytic Association. ▼

## Lavender Law Meets In NYC

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**F**ollowing closely after the historical Supreme Court victories for Gay and Lesbian civil rights, Lavender Law, the annual conference on GLBT legal issues of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association and Foundation (NLGLA/NLGLF) and cosponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Law Association of Greater New York (LeGaL) will be held October 17-19, 2003 at Fordham University School of Law in New York City.

Lawyers, professors, law students, judges and other legal professionals will gather to attend panels and workshops on legal issues, plan strategies and network.

Highlights will include plenary sessions on the Supreme Court's Lawrence v. Texas sodomy law decision and on the inclusion of gender identity in anti-discrimination laws and features keynote speaker Paul M. Smith, the attorney who successfully argued the Lawrence case before the Supreme Court. ▼

Info: lavenderlaw.org

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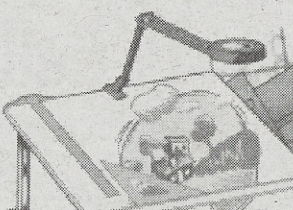
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# Home Improvement

## 6 Secrets Most Prospective Home Buyers Don't Know; Common Misconceptions Can Cause Confusion, Inaction

by Jack R. Maple  
MGW Staff

Although consumers today are more educated and prepared than ever before when making decisions about major purchases, buying a home is still an area that is confusing and intimidating to most people.

Buying a home is generally perceived as one of the most complicated transactions a person can make, from deciding whether homeownership is the right choice to coordinating the actual move into the new home.

As a result, many people are hesitant to even start the process despite their desire to own a home. While there is no magic formula to level all the bumps one may encounter in the home buying process, some misconceptions can be put into perspective.

These six tips can help prospective homeowners in their decision to buy a house, negotiate the home purchase, and determine which home loan is best for their situation:

**1 I can't afford mortgage payments.** Actually, mortgage payments might be



the same or less than paying rent. For example, the monthly payment on a \$150,000, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage at 6.5 percent (6.682 % APR) is \$948 -- less than what some people pay for rent.

**2 I don't have 20 percent down.** You don't have to put 20 percent down to buy a home anymore. Many low- and zero-downpayment loans are available.

For instance, three and five percent downpayments

are common, and some lenders even offer zero down loans to help buyers purchase a home without a hefty down-payment.

And, in most states, there are lenders that will even finance up to 103 percent of the home's purchase price, meaning you can finance some or all of your closing costs as well.

This all adds up to less money out-of-pocket to buy a home and gets you started building your equity sooner.

**3 The buyer always pays closing costs.** Not true. Buyers may ask sellers to pay for closing costs. As part of the negotiating process when purchasing a home, the buyer may ask the seller to pay for a percentage of the non-recurring closing costs, sometimes saving thousands of dollars for the buyer.

**4 My relatives can't give me money to buy a home.** Again, not true. You can receive gifts or grants from relatives or non-profit organizations.

Many loan programs will allow a portion of the downpayment to come from a relative.

Buyers can also investigate

down-payment assistance programs and grants available through various nonprofit organizations and employers, as well as from many federal, state, and local governments. Many of these programs are designed for low-, moderate- and middle-income borrowers.

**5 I don't know what I can afford.** You should always get pre-approved before you begin house hunting. Buyers should get a written pre-approval from a reputable mortgage lender before they start shopping for a home.

Pre-approved buyers will not only know in advance

how much home they can afford, but their pre-approved status gives them clout with sellers and real estate agents when the time comes to negotiate a sale price.

Lastly, pre-approval speeds up the loan process after a purchase contract is signed and avoids any last minute heartbreaks after a home is found.

**6 I'll never know my final interest rate until the deal is done.** These days you can protect your interest rate while you shop for your home. Some lenders offer home buyers the ability to lock in a rate, at no cost, before they select a home. ▼

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# Out Laughing

## No BUTTS About It

By Sally Sheklow  
MGW Staff

I don't mean to judge, but the Pope is an asshole. Not literally, of course. That oft-vilified anatomical opening is a vital, natural and good thing. The Pope himself has one—a fact even his hole-y-ness's personal physician would not rebutt, so to speak.



The Pope called on all catholic leaders to keep gays from the marriage alter.

It's that very opening, the one the Holy See denies could ever be a source of pleasure, that has the papal panties in a wad. John Paul II's new edict tells politicians they have a "moral duty" to oppose same-sex marriage. Duty! Doodie is more like it.

Church and state are supposed to be separate, not con-joined

like two-ply Charmin. But, and I use the term loosely, the Big Guy warns Catholic politicians that voting for egalitarian marriage legislation would be "gravely immoral."

In the sphere of political analysis, the Patriarch's recent condemnation of same sex marriage and gratuitous defamation of gay people stands out like swollen hemorrhoidal tissue.

Any leader who tells me I can't marry my own wife is obsessed with Uranus. We're married honey, and we want the civil recognition we deserve. Popeymon says—and, by the way, so does our monkey-faced president (no offense to primates)—that a solemn and legal vow binding two women in matrimony is sinful, that two men legally promising to care for each other as long as they both shall live will put the sanctity of marriage asunder. Infallible Man's head is up something other than his miter.

Thank God(dess) the faithful in the U.S. Senate are defying the Pope on this one. Catholics—by and large intelligent, loving people who take care of their families and do good works in their communities and around the world—know

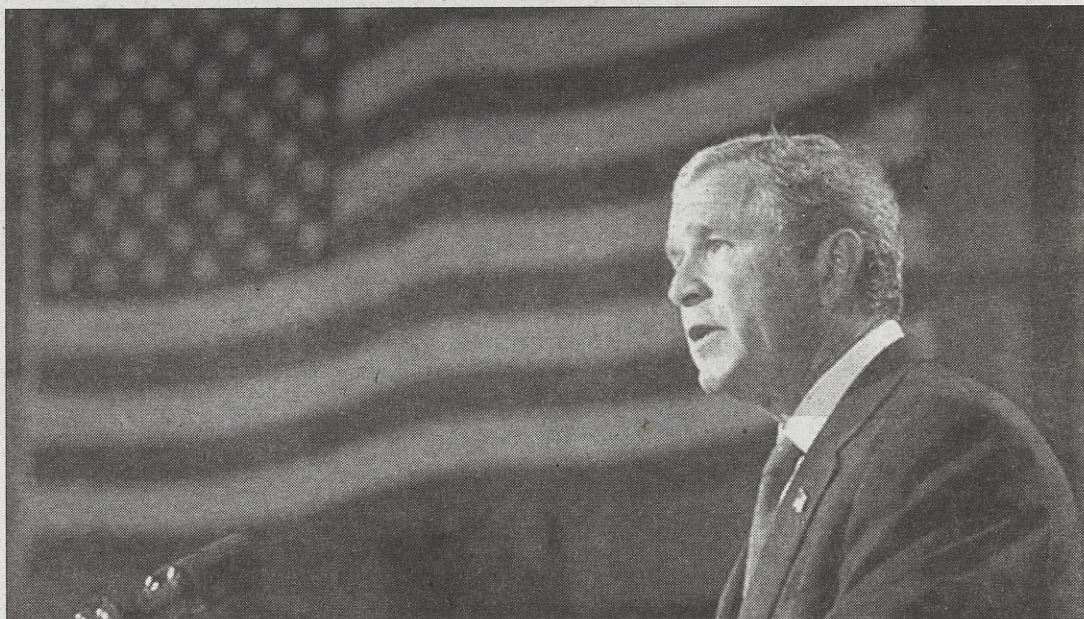
the Pope does not always speak the true word of God, whatever that is. Humans are endowed with a conscience by our creator, or evolution or whatever fabulous serendipity got us here. We get to decide for ourselves.

When I was thirteen, I slept over at my Catholic friend Teri's house. In the

mom's stash of birth control pills.

A devout Catholic, Teri's mom marched her family to mass every Sunday, sent all her kids to Saint Theresa School and fixed fish for dinner on Fridays. But, in 1964, when the pill was a seriously-controlled substance, she used it anyway.

Prior on the bench, I am not anti-Catholic. I stand with the millions of open-hearted and fair-minded good Catholics who champion justice, world peace and a woman's right to protect herself from unwanted pregnancy, who demand the ouster of the bishops and other church high mucky-



President Bush announced his intent to protect the sanctity of marriage as man and woman.

middle of the night she nudged my sleeping bag. "Come, on, I've got something to show you." She led me by flashlight into the laundry room. High on the shelf, behind the family-sized box of blue Cheer, lay an old cigar box. Under the lid nested the contraband—her

"It's a sin. Women are only supposed to have sex to get pregnant," Teri whispered.

"Who says?" I asked in the Talmudic tradition of my Jewish people.

"The Pope!" End of conversation.

Turns out, according to the well-respected Catholics for a Free Choice, 96 percent of Catholic women in the U.S. have used modern methods of birth control, which the Head Patriarch still forbids. As a lesbian, my birth control method is completely natural, but the Holy Father picks on me anyhow. He's all up in my business and I object.

Don't get me wrong. Along with the brave senators who opposed putting archconservative William

mucks protecting priestly pedophilia, who support opening their doors—and the pulpit—to everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender. Opposing the Pope is no more anti-Catholic than opposing Bush is unAmerican. God Bless America.

Even though the Pope and the president are all bound up, the people are moving on. If there is a Divine Plan, we are all part of it. Even the assholes. We can't trust some unelected mortal to see that no one is left behind—no pun intended. ▼

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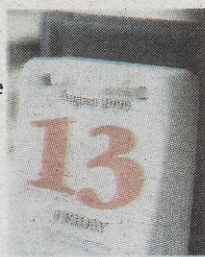
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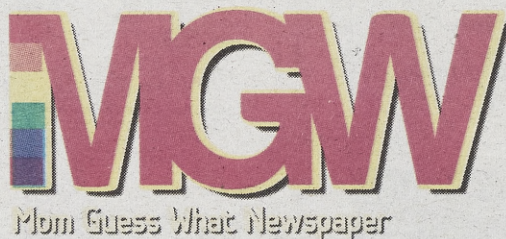


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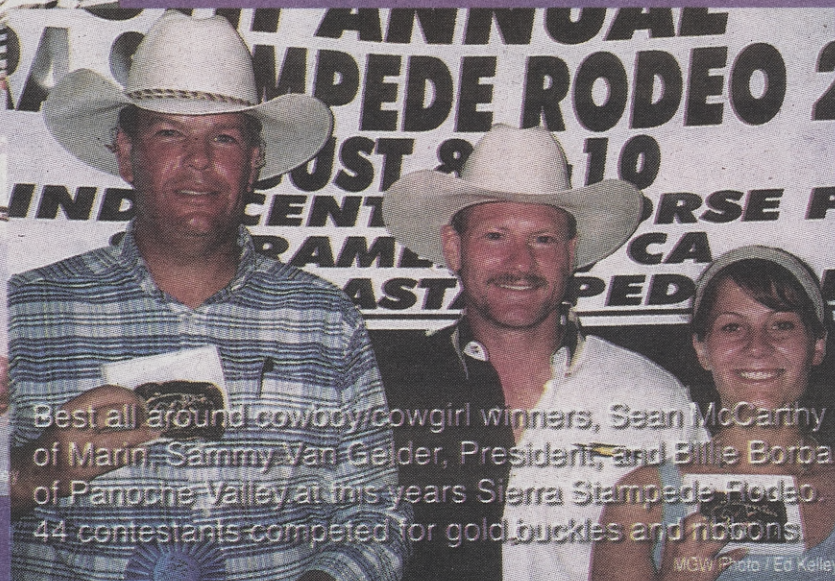


# Society : Out 'N About With Mom!



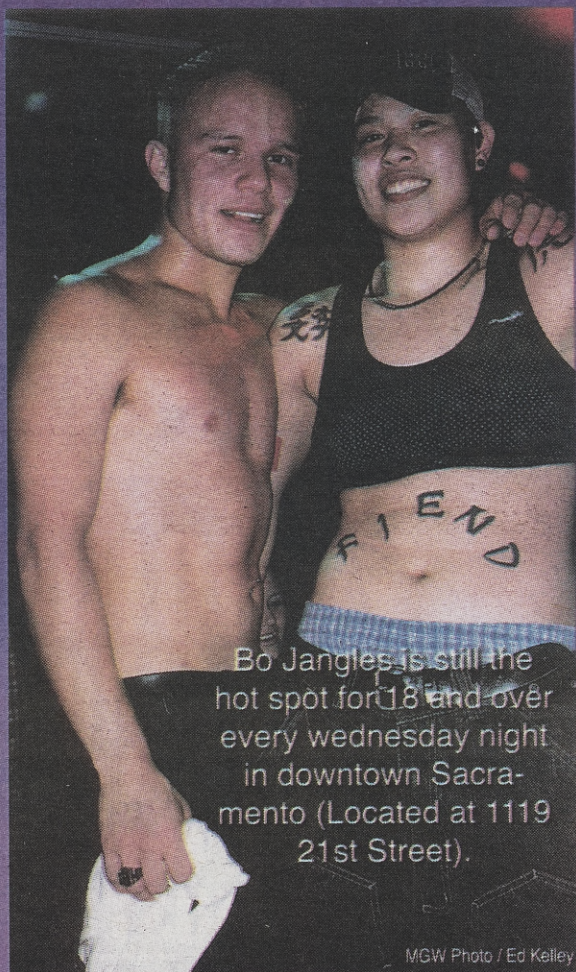
Enjoying the new Wells Fargo Pavilion at the Sacramento Music Circus are Dennis Mangers, Glendola and Dan (Michael's parents) and Michael Sestak.

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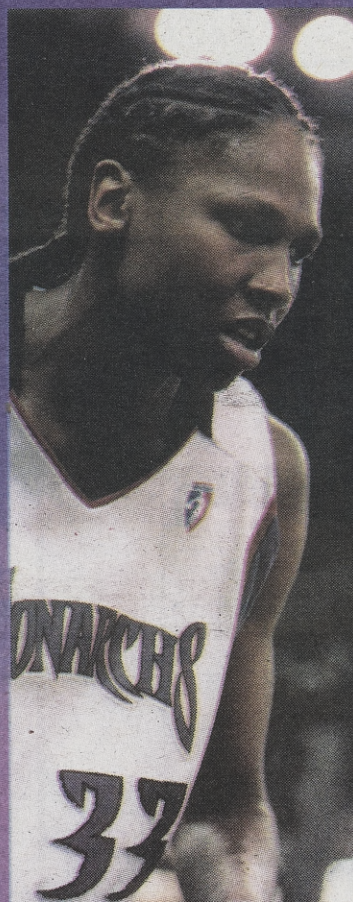
Best all around cowboy/cowgirl winners, Sean McCarthy of Marin, Sammy Van Gelder, President, and Billie Borba of Panoche Valley at this years Sierra Stampede Rodeo. 44 contestants competed for gold buckles and ribbons.

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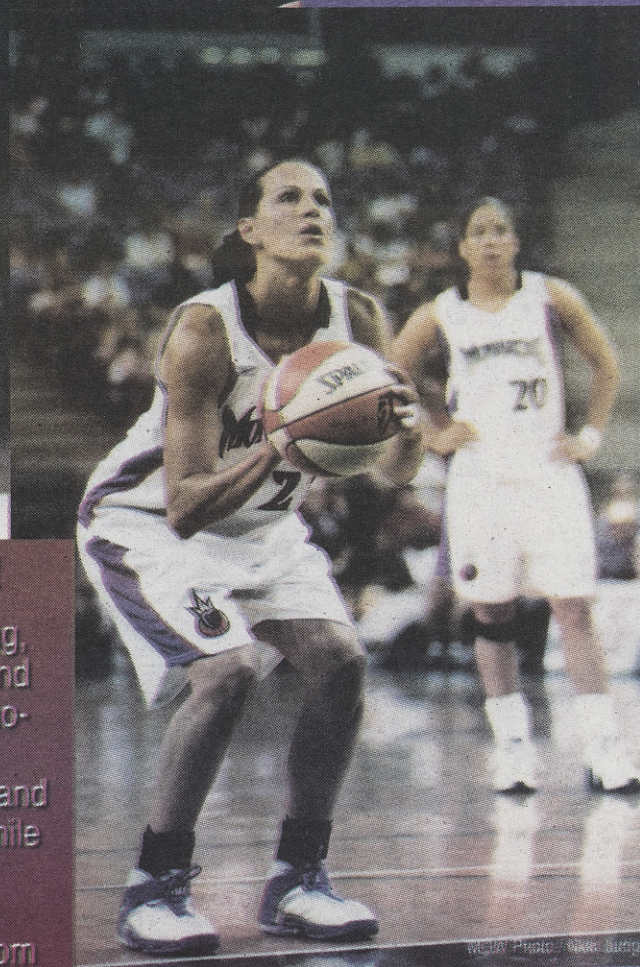


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The Monarchs fly to the Western Conference Playoffs! The Monarchs emerged in butterfly brilliance, with the help of star players Ticha Penicheiro (21) and Yolanda Griffith (33).



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## MGW Faces Up To AIDS Because... It's Been Too Long and Our Farewells Keep Getting Longer, Walk September 14

MGW Staff

The Sacramento Valley AIDS Walk will take place on Sunday, September 14th on the West Steps of the State Capitol. Thousands of people are expected to participate in this third annual event.

For the third year Target Stores serve as a Grand Sponsor, donating \$10,000 to the Sacramento Valley AIDS Walk this year. Terry Sidie, owner of Faces, night club, stepped forward this year as the second Grand Sponsor of this event, also donating \$10,000 saying that "It's up to us, and businesses like us to take the lead and support this kind of event in our community."

"Target is a great community asset and we're very excited that they are with us once more this year," said Steve Martinez, Walk Committee Chair. "And with Faces coming on board, too just proves that the community is truly behind this great event."

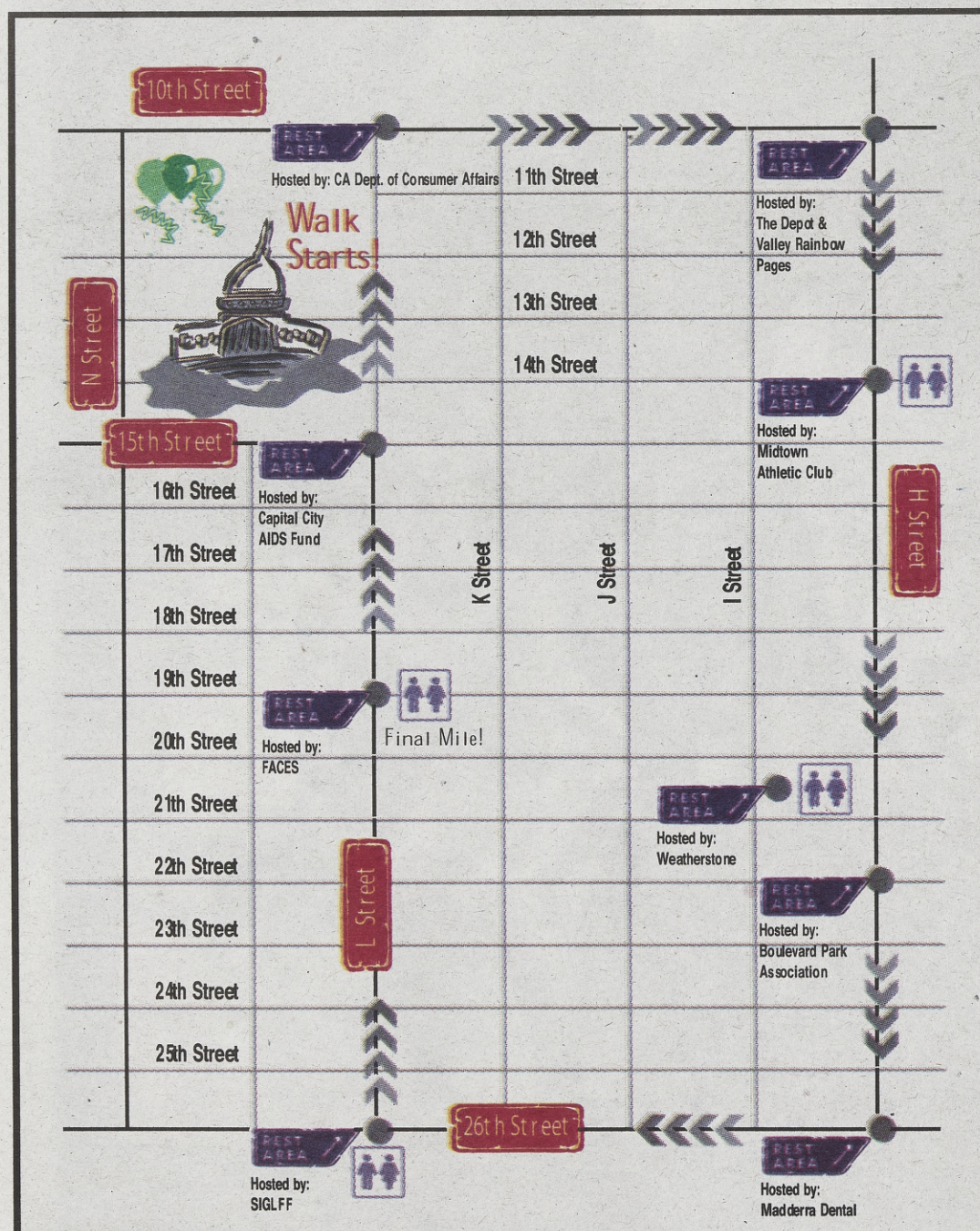
KOVR will serve as the Walk's television sponsor. Martinez said about KOVR, "They will produce a PSA for on air distribution in September and will provide an MC for the event. We're



thrilled by their show of support."

Recently selected benefiting agencies include AIDS Housing Alliance, Another Choice, Another Chance, Breaking Barriers, CARES, Center for Complementary Care, Chemical Dependency Center for Women, Com-muniCare Health Centers, Harm Reduction Services, LGBT Resource Center - U.C. Davis, MAAP, Inc., Sunburst Projects and UC Davis Children's HIV Clinic. ▼

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## American Anti-Hero

By Stefan Gruenwedel  
MGW Staff

Before the scourge of reality television and bare-all Web sites there were ordinary folks, some of them genuine artists, who chronicled their lives in the written form. Autobiographical writers have made their

**American Splendor**  
Starring Paul Giamatti, Hope Davis, and  
Judah Friedlander.  
Written and directed by Shari Springer  
Berman and Robert Pulcini.  
(Rated R, 100 min.)

marks for years but it took an obscure clerk working a boring yet reliable job in a V.A. hospital in Cleveland to create something new that captured the imagination of the under-ground literary scene.

In 1976 Harvey Pekar published "American Splendor," an autobiographical comic book that exposed his private, mundane, ordinary life to the outside world. With the help of comic book artist Robert Crumb (and later other illustrators), he began a series of annual stories that continues to this day.

As you can imagine, adapting comic books to film isn't easy. Ardent fans hate to see anything they've loved (perhaps for years) dumbed-down for the masses. But *American Splendor*, written and directed by Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini, is no simplistic piece of mainstream moviemaking.

Just as Pekar remained honest to his audiences over the years, and threw in the bad with the good (including a bout with cancer), the makers of this film keep the story true to movie-going audiences—at least as true as the film's running time allows.

*American Splendor* follows the unenviable life of Pekar (Paul Giamatti), a grumpy loner who collects old jazz records, devours books and comics, and while away his time as a bored file clerk. A friend he meets at a garage sale, a young Robert Crumb (James Urbaniak), works as a greeting card artist in town and turns him on to underground comics (those called "comix"). They become

good friends and spend time together, Crumb endlessly sketching and Pekar doing most of the talking. Pekar hits upon the idea to write stories about his life and have Crumb illustrate them because he can only draw stick figures. (No kidding. Check out his illustrations on the movie's web site.)



Hope Davis and Paul Giamatti star in the comic book adaptation of *American Splendor*.

Somehow Crumb deciphers his handwritten notes and converts Pekar's snippets into engaging storyboards that capture the moments precisely. With characteristic sarcasm, Pekar calls his literary confessional "American Splendor."

From the moment *American Splendor* starts—the opening credits bring the comics' drawings to life—it's clear that this film understands the medium and its audience. Pekar walks the streets of this Rust Belt city looking more down at his feet than at the sidewalk ahead. A cool jazz score in the background (the great Dave Douglas on trumpet) accompanies his schlepping.

Yet Pekar isn't tuned out entirely. The people he notices in stores, coffee shops, and buses make good fodder for his illustrated retellings. Despite finding many things annoying, as we all do from time to time, Pekar gets along well with his coworkers, including an odd bird named Toby Radloff (Judah Friedlander), a man who loves White Castle fried chicken, jellybeans, and *Revenge of the Nerds* and

isn't afraid to argue about it.

Also entering his life, and changing it for the better, is Joyce Brabner (Hope Davis), a fellow comic book fan who meets him unexpectedly when she visits his home to pick up the latest issue of "American Splendor." She ends up spending the rest of her life with him. With her own sardonic take on life, she's a fitting match for Pekar. Considering that this film is a dramatization of a serialized autobiography, it's not too surprising when

that part.

Others play it too. When a small theater company called The Independent Eye puts on a staged adaptation of "American Splendor," Pekar and Brabner attend a performance.

There it is onscreen: actors playing real people watching other actors playing those same real people. It must have been interesting for those real people to watch this scene in the movie.

It's easy to see why *American Splendor* won the

Grand Jury Prize at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival. (It puts the nomination of Todd Graff's awful *Camp* for the same award in considerable perspective.) This film deserves acclaim because it treats its subject and audience with respect. It turns the biopic genre on its head and admits that real life doesn't need much embellishment to entertain and inspire. ▼

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# LOCAL Speak Out

By Ed Kelley

## WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE JUNK FOODS AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR?



**Galexia Rain**

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"Miss Bojangles"

When I go to the State Fair food midway I always dive into corn dogs, cotton candy, the pink popcorn and the tower of onion rings!



**Leanna Lopez**

Sacramento  
Sac State Student

My favorite junk food vendors at the State Fair are the corn dogs and rainbow cotton candy. I always get good licks off the drum stick ice cream.



**Alexandria Waller**

Elk Grove  
Rope Chutes Director

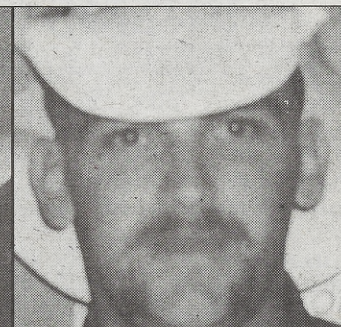
When I walk down the food galleria midway, I head for Orange Julius stand, next is a pyramid of fried zucchini stacked high.



**Ryan Roper**

Yuba City  
Inspector

After i get off the Zipper I head to the beer and corn dogs stand. I only indulge at the State Fair, with a big stack of garlic fries.



**Rob Garcia**

Hayward  
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When I'm at the fair, my favorite junk food - drink is beer. I'm into heavy BBQ foods especially steak, but cotton candy is my real pitfall.



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# Out with Pets

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## How Much Does it Cost to Own a Pet?

By Randy Jamison  
MGW Staff

There is plenty of information out there about how to care for and train your pet. However, most leave out a very important factor: what it will cost!

The estimates below are based on prices of food, accessories, and veterinary care for dogs, cats, fish, and birds. For each, we discuss the initial cost (when you first buy the pet), and the maintenance cost (which you will pay year-round).

These are also minimum figures -- you can, and are likely to, pay much more for any pet. The vet costs below are for general exams, and do not include the more expensive, but less frequent, treatment for illness or injuries.

### Dogs

**Initial cost:** Bringing home a new puppy will cost you about \$335. This includes \$10 for puppy food, \$150 for shots, \$25 for sundries such as collar, lead, tag, and food dishes, \$30 for toys, \$20 for treats, \$20 for grooming supplies, \$30 for licensing, and \$50 for the puppy itself.

**Maintenance:** Each year you will spend about \$120 on dog food, \$250 on vet bills, \$15 on sundries such as collar, lead, and tag, \$60 on toys, \$130 on treats, \$30 on licensing, \$70 on medications like flea treatments or ear mite oil, and \$55 on a short kennel stay, for an average of \$730 per year, or \$14 per week.

### Cats

**Initial cost:** Bringing home a new kitten will cost you about \$305. This includes \$10 for cat food, \$100 for shots, \$7 for sundries such as collar and tag, \$10 for toys, \$5 for treats, \$15 on grooming supplies, and \$30 for the kitten itself.

**Maintenance:** Each year you will spend about \$75 on cat food, \$120 on vet bills, \$10 on sundries such as collar and tag, \$25 on toys, \$25 on treats, \$20 on grooming supplies, and \$70 on medications like flea treatments or ear mite oil, for an average of \$355 per year, or \$7 per week.

### Fish

**Initial cost:** Bringing home a new fish will cost you at least \$100. You can expect to pay \$35 for a 10 gallon aquarium with hood and light fixture, \$10 on a bulb, \$10 on an automatic timer, and \$25 on tank accessories like gravel and plants.

**Maintenance:** Each year you will spend about \$65 on food, \$35 on water treatment chemicals, \$40 on medication, and \$60 for equipment such as filters and cleaning supplies, for an average of \$200 per year, or \$4 per week.

### Birds

**Initial cost:** Bringing home a new bird will cost you at least \$350. This includes \$50 for a small cage, \$25 for cage accessories like food dishes and toys, \$250 for the initial vet visit, and between \$25 to \$2,000 for the bird itself. The larger birds, like macaws and amazons, will need a cage that costs at least \$300, and some people spend \$2000 or more!

**Maintenance:** Each year you will spend about \$300 on food, \$350 on vet bills, \$100 on toys and treats, and \$20 on grooming supplies, for an average of \$770 per year, or \$15 per week. ▼

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America's Family Pet Expo, managed and produced by

people.

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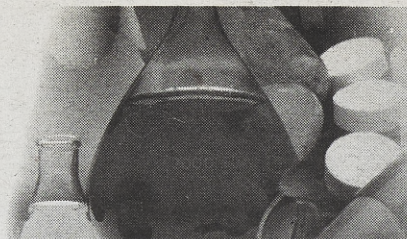
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## HIV Newsline

# On The HIV Front

By Sonya Cox  
AIDS/HIV Editor

### Dinner with the dietitian...

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### List will replace HIV charts used to create regimens...

A new update of the federal Health & Human Services guide-lines for the use of anti-retrovirals is designed to make it easier for physicians and people with HIV to select an appropriate treatment regimen from among the expanding choices of HIV medications.

Previous guide-lines grouped drugs into columns, and asked health care providers to construct regimens by adding drugs from one column with those from another. As the number of anti-retroviral agents has increased, constructing an effective regimen using this "menu" approach has become increasingly difficult.

The new guidelines provide physicians a list of suggested combination regimens for the initiation of anti-retroviral therapy; the suggested regimens are labeled "preferred" or "alternative" based on the results of clinical trials and expert opinion.

"With 22 FDA-approved formulations of anti-retroviral agents, selecting the right multi-drug combination can be a challenge for even experienced clinicians," explained the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "These revised guidelines

help simplify the process by which caregivers and people with HIV can chart a course of therapy, whether they are receiving anti-retroviral treatment for the first time, or are treatment-experienced and contemplating a change in drug regimen."

"As our knowledge and experience with anti-retroviral therapies accumulates," said the chief of infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center, "it becomes increasingly clear that treatment regimens should be individualized, taking into consideration both the potency of the prescribed regimen and patient-specific factors." The revised guidelines are available on the HHS AIDS-info website at [www.aidsinfo.nih.gov](http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov).

### Honing the art of Kamasutra love to prevent HIV...

Sex workers in India's West Bengal province are studying the Kamasutra, the ancient Hindu writings on sex, in an attempt to stem the tide of HIV, AIDS, and other STDs. The Institute of International Social Development recently began a six-month workshop in the state capital, Calcutta, instructing sex workers on how to minimize sexual contact with customers.

The workshop teaches sex workers erotic postures -- the art of having sex without intercourse. We are calling it safe sex," said the head of the institute. According to the institute, which promotes condom usage in the city's red light district, the program began after sex workers complained of losing customers who were forced to wear condoms.

"The erotica, mainly derived from the ancient Hindu Kamasutra, describes sexual union through 64 positions which offer ultimate sexual pleasure without intercourse," she said. Begun as an experiment, the workshop aims to change the behavioral patterns of sex workers as well as their customers.

"We will assess the progress of the program after

six months," she said.

India recently announced a sharp rise in its number of HIV and AIDS cases. The West Bengal AIDS Control Society says that, even when condoms are used in brothels, they are often of poor quality and ineffective at checking the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

In Calcutta, home to 20,000 of the estimated 70,000 sex workers in West Bengal, the workshop is proving popular with the sex workers -- who attend the sessions during the day, when business is slow.

### New PI in treatment pipeline; compares well to Kaletra...

A treatment regimen combining new once-a-day Protease drug Reyataz, boosted with low-dose Ritonavir/AZT, is thus far providing an anti-viral effect that compares to a regimen containing the Protease Inhibitor lopin-avir/Kaletra boosted with Ritonavir/AZT in people with a long history of HIV treatment, according to data from the recent International AIDS Society Conference in Paris.

The six-month, mid-point analysis of the 48-week study is examining 358 people selected randomly who have failed two or more combination regimens, including at least one agent from each class of meds.

Of the different combinations and agents being studied, the data suggested that regimens containing Reyataz show that lipid changes -- as assessed by changes in total cholesterol, fasting LDL cholesterol, and fasting triglyceride concentrations -- were even more favorable than Kaletra. Reyataz did not appear to work as well when combined with Saquinavir/Inivase.

"More and more physicians are prescribing multiple protease inhibitor-containing regimens in treatment-experienced individuals," said the director of the Retro-Virology Laboratory and HIV Unit at Hospital Universitari Germans, "and this early evidence that Reyataz, when

boosted with Ritonavir, is comparable to Kaletra is very encouraging."

### AIDS group wants Trizivir off the market...

A nationally renowned group, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, has asked federal regulators to withdraw approval for GlaxoSmithKline's drug Trizivir in light of a recent study by the National Institutes of Health comparing Trizivir alone, to Trizivir with other drugs. Trizivir is a single pill combining three HIV drugs -- AZT, 3TC and abacavir -- taken twice a day.

Keeping the drug on the market may be dangerous because some doctors may be unaware of the new findings, and continue to prescribe the combo drug Trizivir alone, thinking it meets "combination" criteria; said the healthcare group. They say it was "apparent that Trizivir may be effective only if it is taken with other HIV/AIDS drugs," and they feel its "lack of effectiveness renders it unsafe." The group says they're concerned that Glaxo continues to aggressively market Trizivir as a stand-alone treatment despite the NIH trial.

A Glaxo spokesperson said the healthcare group was "acting irresponsibly" by seeking Trizivir's withdrawal. "What they are trying to do is deny patients and physicians an important weapon" against HIV, said Glaxo, adding that a Department of Health and Human Services expert panel has issued guidelines recommending Trizivir as a first-choice option. Trizivir is currently the fifth most-prescribed HIV medication.

A Food & Drug Administration spokesperson says they will review the group's request to pull Trizivir from the market. In the meantime, those on Trizivir can discuss the healthcare group's strong reaction to these findings with their physician, but do not stop or change any treatment on your own without your physician's knowledge. ▼

## In Loving Memory of Friends Lost in September

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Peter Sartori

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Rudy Estrella

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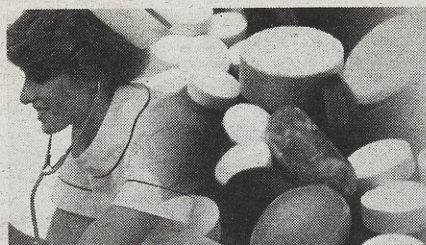
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As long as you are remembered,  
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To add the names of loved ones to MGW's remembrance column, call 737-0309. For info about creating a NAMES Project AIDS memorial panel, call 484-5646.





# Health + Wellness For Skin

## Balancing Your Skin

by Deborah Frank  
MGW Staff

Remember High School science class when we learned about the pH

to haunt us now because the pH scale has significant usefulness in relation to our

guess as to whether or not they are right for our skin. Makes sense doesn't it?

Ok, so lets first take a trip down memory lane...back to the days of saddle shoes, plaid skirts, petrie dishes and the pH scale.

The scale goes from zero to 14 with 7 being neutral. Acids are from 0-7 and 7-14 is alkaline. Our skin naturally has a pH of between 4.5 - 5.5 which means it likes to be fairly acidic.

When we use products on our skin that force it to go too far in either direction on the scale, we end up in trouble. A lot of the products that are sold on the market today are more and more becoming savvy regarding this important balance. But, there are still many that can be very drying to the skin, too harsh or cause breakouts to occur.

How is the consumer to know if what they are using is right for their skin type? It may be that the problem that someone "thinks" they are having with their skin, is actually being caused by the very product they are using to cure themselves! It's a real catch 22 until the consumer knows what to look for.

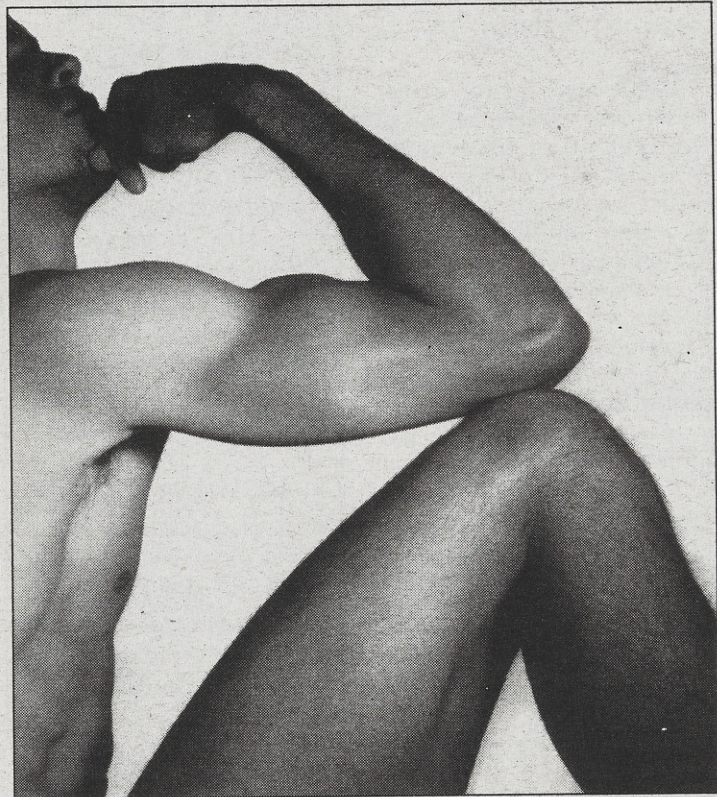
But, first things first.

Knowing your own skin type is key and is the first step in determining what products are right for your own skin. Skin type is classified as the skin you were born with which is different than the condition your skin is in today. A good rule of thumb is to think back to when you were a teenager, what was

elsewhere? This would be considered COMBINATION skin type.

Did you experience many breakouts, was there rarely a time when you didn't have any blemishes? This would be considered ACNE skin type.

Are you a person who has always been very allergic,

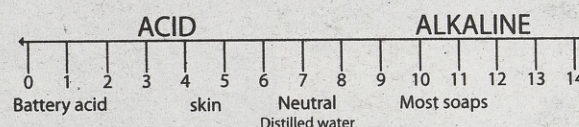


scale and how various solvents were acid while others were alkaline?

Well, it's all coming back

skin. All of the products we use on our skin have to register somewhere on the pH scale and depending on the contents of each product, we can then make a somewhat more educated

### pH scale



your skin like then?

If your skin had a normal, overall healthy glow, not overly dry or oily and had no blemishes, your skin type is considered NORMAL

Was your skin dry and flaky, needing tons of moisture constantly? This would be considered DRY skin type.

Was your skin always oily and shiny in just a couple hours after cleansing? This would be considered OILY skin type.

Was your skin a combination of these two, with an oily nose and forehead area and dry

and has very fair skin characterized by redness? This would be considered to be SENSITIVE skin type.

Depending on the above criteria, determine your own skin type as closely as possible. Keep in mind that the condition of your skin today may be very different and can have a tendency to throw us off. Let us not be fooled! There is a method to my madness! Consider this to be "Lesson #1". ▼

In the next MGW issue, I will make more sense of how exactly pH fits into this picture. Until then, remember that a smile looks good on everyone's face!

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# Monarchs Soar As Play-Offs Beckon

By Pat Hewitt  
MGW Staff

After losing the first 3 games in this season's 4-game series against the Houston Comets, the Monarchs decidedly said "enough, already", delighting fans with an August 21st win, 62-54, at Arco Arena, in a game that can arguably be described as one of their best efforts - ever.

Physical, gritty, focused, energized; it's hard to say enough about the Monarchs' victory over the Conference leading, all-star-laden Comets.

At times, a surprising Monarch defense managed to come close to shutting down



MGW Photo / Nikki Judge

Edna Campbell's hustle and free-throws helped keep the Monarchs ahead the entire game.

one of the league's all-time best, and all-star Sheryl Swoops who put the Comets firmly on the scoreboard, despite a full-team Comet rotation in the second half, when the five players on the floor were unexpectedly replaced by five bench players in a single rotation. Not a surprise in the NFL, but a curiosity in the WNBA.

The win continues a record run under the guidance of Interim Coach John Whisenant, whose quiet intensity was in notable contrast to the volatile Comet bench, spanked with two-second half technical fouls, one on head coach Van Chancellor, and one on Assistant Coach Alisa Scott.

The Monarchs' recently spotty free-throw record improved again the Comets,

with Yolanda Griffith hitting 4-5, and Kara Lawson, 5-6.

But it was the Monarchs' hustle that most impressed fans, bringing them repeatedly to their feet in tribute.

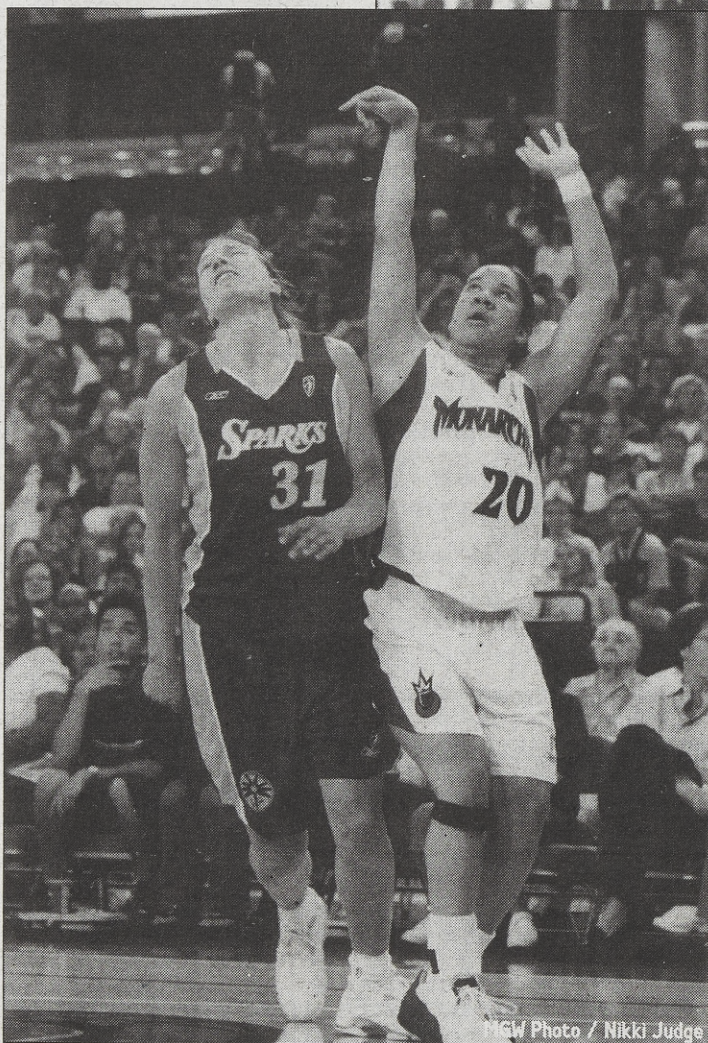
While many of the earlier season losses could be laid at the feet of an inadequate Monarchs' defense, the earlier weakness was replaced by a huge and fluid defensive effort again the Comets, particularly under the basket. It was a critical game for Sacramento, and the hard-driving Monarchs rose to the occasion and gave the Comets a lesson in high-energy, intimidating goal protection.

While the Monarchs appear to be a cinch for a play-off berth, they could be seeded as high as No. 3, dependent upon the outcome of their next two regular season games against the Phoenix Mercury, and the Seattle Storm. ▼

## NOTES FROM THE SIDELINES:

- Demya Walker's energetic defense routinely earns her the sustained applause of fans on exiting the game. Now included in the Monarch's starting five, one pundit as "the Monarchs Vlade Divos" for her frequent and usually foul-drawing "flops" has labeled Walker.

- Earlier thought of as a late-bloomer, guard Tanty Maiga, can now routinely be found listed in final box scores for her contributions in blocked-shots, steals, and rebounds - and she just keeps getting better.



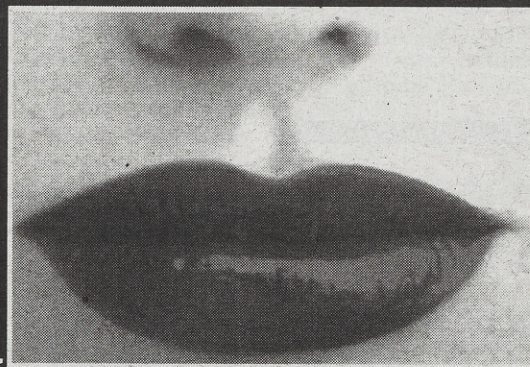
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Kara Lawson's free-throw ability bounced back, helping the Monarchs clinch the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

the fabled Houston offense, clearly frustrating the usually dominant but fatigued Comets, who were playing

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It was only the always dangerous Tina Thompson,



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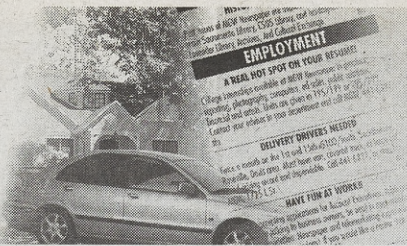
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# Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

### 1 MONDAY

LABOR DAY

### 2 TUESDAY

ART EXHIBIT: Thru Sept 12, Noon-4:30PM; CSUS Art Grad Students; Else Gallery; 278-6166  
PEACE VIGIL: Sacramento Peace Action, 4-6pm, 16th & J St., sacpeace.org

### 3 WEDNESDAY

GENERAL MEETING: Sacramento Valley Bears; Club 21; 93-4748, sacvalleybears.org  
INTERFAITH PEACE SERVICE: Sacramento Friends Society; 7:45pm, Sacramento Peace Action, 890 57th St., sacpeace.org  
GENERAL MEETING: Sacramento Valley Bears; Club 21 (1211 21st Street), 393-4748, sacvalleybears.org  
HANG ART RECEPTION: 6-7:30pm, Hang Art Annex, 567 Sutter Street, San Francisco, 415-434-4264

### 4 THURSDAY

WOMENS GROUP: 7-8:30PM, Women Connecting; LBT; 2400 Glendale Ln, Wyndance Cntr, Sac; 973-2838  
JOHN BOYD - BUSINESS MIXER: McMartin Realty, 5:30-7:00pm, 2407 J St., RSVP 447-1310 x120  
LBT WOMEN CONNECTING: 7-8:30pm, 2400 Glendale Ln, Ste E, Wynance Cntr, 973-2838, wycenter@quicknet.com  
INTERACTIVE STREET FAIR: Downtown Sacramento Partnership, 5-9PM, Cathedral Square, 11th & K, 442-8575

### 5 FRIDAY

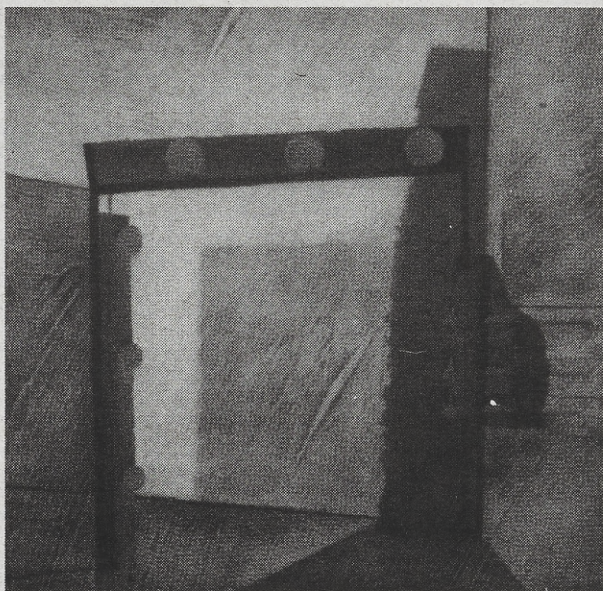
CONTEMPORARY ASIAN ART: Thru Nov 15, 10AM-5PM; CSUS Artist from China, Japan, Thailand, etc.; University Library Gallery; 278-2368  
WINE TASTING: WINE OF NEW ZEALAND; Davis Food Co-Op, 6-8pm, 620 6th, Davis, 530-758-2667  
"IZ": 8pm, The Broadway Playhouse, 4010 El Camino Ave, Sac, 452-5995  
"TWO FOR THE SEASON": 8pm, T Street Theater, 4623 T St., Sac, 808-8890, cityofsacramento.org/parksandrecreation/recreation/theater.htm

### 6 SATURDAY

POLITICAL CULTURE FESTIVAL: 2PM-8:30PM, Sactown Xpress; 704 "O" St, Sac; 492-9070  
JOHN BOYD FUNDRAISING GARDEN PARTY: 4-7pm, 4100 Folsom Blvd., RSVP 731-8559  
"IZ": 8pm, The Broadway Playhouse, 4010 El Camino Ave, Sac, 452-5995  
PEACE VIGIL: Sacramento Peace Action, 11:30am-1:30pm, Arden & Heritage, sacpeace.org  
FESTIVAL OF POLITICAL CULTURE: Sacramento Peace Action, 2-8:30pm, La Raza Galeria Posada, 704 O St., sacpeace.org

### 7 SUNDAY

MUSIC RECITAL: 7:30PM; CSUS Chamber Music Society; Capistrano Hall; 278-4323  
SACRAMENTO TAIKO DAN CONCERT: 3pm, Crest Theater, 444-5667



Ines kramer's work hangs in the Hang Art Annex in San Francisco.

PROGRESSIVE ELECTION FORUM: 7pm, Sacramento Peace Action, CSUS Sacramento Ballroom, sacpeace.org  
COMMUNITY PICNIC: Arab-American Anti-Discrimination League, 11am, Sacramento Peace Action, Ancil hoffman Park, sacpeace.org

### 8 MONDAY

CARES DINNER WITH: CARES Dietician, 6-7:30pm, RSVP 914-6285  
DAVIS PEACE COALITION: 7pm, Yolo County Library, Davis, 530-792-1040  
"AFGANISTAN REBUILD": Elk Grove Peace & Justice, 7pm, United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Blvd., Elk Grove, sacpeace.org

### 10 WEDNESDAY

PUNK ROCK: Noon; Riff Randals; Serna Plaza; 278-6997  
CODE PINK VIGIL: 7:30 - 8:30pm, E St. Plaza, 3rd & 4th, Davis, sacpeace.org

### 11 THURSDAY

WOMENS GROUP: 7-8:30PM, Women Connecting; LBT; 2400 Glendale Ln, Wyndance Cntr, Sac; 973-2838  
MUSEUM: 7PM, Local Food, Globally; Crocker Art Museum, Sac; 264-5423  
FUNDRAISER: 5:30-9:30PM, NCLR/LAMBDA Legal; Exploding Head Gallery; Sac; 392-1884  
LBT WOMEN CONNECTING: 7-8:30pm, 2400 Glendale Ln, Ste E, Wynance Cntr, 973-2838, wycenter@quicknet.com  
INTERACTIVE STREET FAIR: Downtown Sacramento Partnership, 5-9PM, Cathedral Square, 11th & K, 442-8575

### 12 FRIDAY

ARTIST POTLUCK: 5-8PM, Mt. Shasta Naturals; 1021 R St; 448-5607  
"IZ": 8pm, The Broadway Playhouse, 4010 El Camino Ave, Sac, 452-5995  
HEALING ARTISTS NETWORK POTLUCK: 5-8pm, Mt. Shasta Naturals, 1021 R St., Sac, 448-5607  
SVPAC MEMBERS EXHIBIT: Viewpoint Gallery, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Noon-4pm, Wed Noon-7:45pm, Sac Valley Photo Art Center, 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd, Sac, 441-2341, viewpointgallery.org

### 13 SATURDAY

MUSEUM: Noon-3PM, Farm Landscapes; Crocker Art Museum, Sac; 264-5423  
RENAISSANCE FAIRE: 10AM-10PM, WCJA; Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonoma; (408) 506-6499  
PERFORMANCE ARTS: 8PM, "A Call for Unity"; Mondave Center, Davis; (530) 754-2787  
PLANT SHOW: 2PM-5PM; AVSA and AGGS; Sac Garden and Arts Center; (530) 878-0505  
"IZ": 8pm, The Broadway Playhouse, 4010 El Camino Ave, Sac, 452-5995  
LOOK TWICE ART SHOW: Uptown Studios, 6-10pm, 912 1/2 J St., 446-1082  
SEMINAR ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NUCLEAR ARMS: Sacramento Peace Action, 10am-Noon, Hart Senior Center, 915-27th St, sacpeace.org  
A CALL FOR UNITY: SN&R, Interfaith Services Bureau, 8pm, Mondavi Center, newsreview.com/unity  
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Folsom Zoo, 10am-4pm, Folsom Zoo, 351-3527

### SUBMITTING CALENDAR ITEMS

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Please include:

- Name of the event
- Times and dates
- Event location and address
- Name of sponsoring organization
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AIDS PLANT SALE: Benefit Plant Sales, 9am-3pm, 18th & J St., 224-0198

### 14 SUNDAY

RENAISSANCE FAIRE: 10AM-6PM, WCSA; Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonoma; (408) 506-6499  
PLANT SHOW: 10AM-4PM, AVSA and AGGS; Sac Garden and Arts Center; (530) 878-0505  
JOSH KORNBLUTH'S "LOVE & TAXES": Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm & 7pm, Berkeley Rep's Thrust Stage, 445 Grant Ave, Suite 405, San Francisco, 501-647-2949, zspace.org  
DOGGONE FUN RUN: Paws & Pets Unlimited, 9am-1pm, Lindley Meadow Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, 415-241-1469  
"HOMECOMING" WORSHIP: Parkside Community Church UCC, 10:30am, 5700 Land Park Dr., 421-04492  
DIVAFEST 7: Five's Guest Ranch, 11am, 1647 River Rd, Guerneville, 707-738-1373

### 15 MONDAY

LESBIANS CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS: 6:30-8PM, Uptown Studios, 912 1/2 J St; 920-7870  
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### 16 TUESDAY

ART EXHIBIT: Thru Sept 26, Noon-4:30PM; Sergio Saenz and Richard Haley; CSUS Kadema Hall; 278-6166

### 17 WEDNESDAY

UNIVERSITY GALLERY: 5PM; Art Season Opener; CSUS Library Gallery; 278-2368

### 18 THURSDAY

WOMENS GROUP: 7-8:30PM, Women Connecting; LBT; 2400 Glendale Ln, Wyndance Cntr; 973-2838  
MUSEUM: 6:30PM, Remembering the Family Farm; Crocker Art Museum, Sac; 264-5423  
PUBLIC ART RECEPTION: 5:30-9PM, AIAVC; 616 Alhambra Blvd, Sac; 444-3658  
LBT WOMEN CONNECTING: 7-8:30pm, 2400 Glendale Ln, Ste E, Wynance Cntr, 973-2838, wycenter@quicknet.com

### 19 FRIDAY

WOMENS SOCCOR: 5PM, SCUS vs. Princeton; 278-4590

WINE TASTING: Penfolds & Rosemont, Davis Food Co-Op, 6-8pm, 620 G St., 530-758-2667

### 20 SATURDAY

JAZZ FESTIVAL: 8PM, Herbie Hancock Quartet; Masonic Auditorium, SF; (415) 776-1999  
MUSEUM: Noon-3PM, Farm Landscapes; Crocker Art Museum, Sac; 264-5423  
AIDS PLANTS SALE: Benefit Plant Sales, 9am-4pm, 707 Aima Vista & 7700 Center Parkway, 224-0198

### 21 SUNDAY

WORLD MUSIC CONCERT: 3PM; The Melody of China; CSUS Capistrano Hall; 278-4323  
AIDS PLANTS SALE: Benefit Plant Sales, 9am-4pm, 707 Aima Vista & 7700 Center Parkway, 224-0198

### 22 MONDAY

DESIGN GALLERY: 5:30PM; Mini Tapestries by D.R. Wagner; CSUS Mariposa Hall; 278-3962

### 25 THURSDAY

WOMENS GROUP: 7-8:30PM, Women Connecting; LBT; 2400 Glendale Ln, Wyndance Cntr, Sac; 973-2838  
Museum: 6:30PM, Sights and Tastes of California's Smally Family Farms; Crocker Art Museum, Sac; 264-5423  
LBT WOMEN CONNECTING: 7-8:30pm, 2400 Glendale Ln, Ste E, Wynance Cntr, 973-2838, wycenter@quicknet.com

### 26 FRIDAY

ROCKTOBERFEST: Sept 26-28, Palms Springs, CA; palm-springs.org  
PERFORMING ARTS: 8PM, Drummers of West America; Mondavi Center, Davis; (530) 754-2787  
FURNITURE SHOW: Thru March 7, 2004, John Dickinson; SFMOMA, SF; (415) 357-4170

### 27 SATURDAY

MUSEUM: 9:30-11AM, Remembering The Family Farm; Crocker Art Museum, Sac; 264-5423  
UNVEILING THE BEST: Mercedes Benz of Sacto, 7-10pm, 1810 Howe Ave., 924-8000  
COMIC BOOK ARTIST SHOW: Uptown Studios, 6-10pm, 912 1/2 J St., 446-1082

### 28 SUNDAY

PERFORMING ARTS: 2PM, Scraps Art Music; Mondave Center, Davis; (530) 754-2787

### 30 TUESDAY

WOMENS VOLLEYBALL: 7PM; CSUS vs. Santa Clara; 278-4590

## MASTER EVENTS CALENDAR

S.F. Harvey Milk and George Moscone Killed	November 27, 1978
California Domestic Partners Law Anniversary	November 16, 2002
Folsom Street Fair San Francisco	September 28, 2003
Sacramento Sierra Stampede	August 2003
Strawberry Music Festival strawberrymusic.com	August 28-September 1, 2003
Sacramento Rainbow Festival 2003, 448-7798	Labor Day Weekend
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com	September 2003
Sacramento Valley AIDS Walk	September 2003
Palm Springs Short Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	September 16, 2003
Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown)	September 26, 2003
National Coming Out Day	October 2003
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October 2003
Yom Kippur (begins at sundown)	October 5, 2003
Interpride, www.interpride.org	October 2-5, 2003
Out on Film-The Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	October 2003
Indigenous People's Day	October 13, 2003
Daylight Savings Time Ends	October 26, 2003
Halloween	October 31, 2003
Greater Palm Springs Pride, www.palm-springs.org	November 1-2, 2003
Election Day (Please Vote!)	November 4, 2003
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2003
Happy Thanksgiving	November 27, 2003
Hanukkah (begins at sundown)	December 19, 2003
First Day of Winter	December 21, 2003
Merry Christmas!	December 25, 2003
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2003
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2003
New Year's Day	January 1, 2004
Palm Springs International Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	January 8-9, 2004
Sacramento Freedom Fair, 442-0185	June 14, 2004
San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, 415-703-8650	June 2004
First Day of Summer	June 21, 2004
Los Angeles Pride Parade, www.lapride.org	June 22, 2004
San Francisco Pride Parade, 415-864-0831, sfpride.org	June 28-29, 2004
Sweden Gay Pride, www.visit-sweden.com	July 30-August 3, 2004
Montreal's GLBT Celebration, diversite.org	August 2004
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231-757-4766	August 2004
Provincetown GLBT Family Week, 619-296-0199, familypride.org	August 2004
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	October 2004

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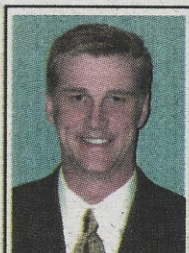
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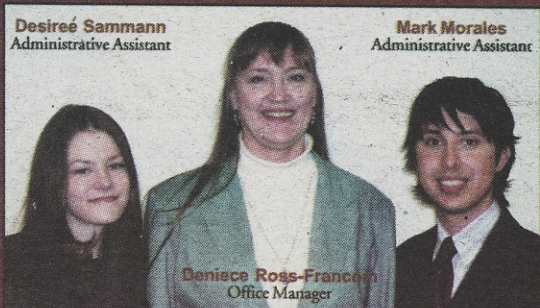
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